

Idaho Department of Fish & Game Southwest Region

Volunteer Project Schedule

Summer/Fall 2016

Contact Michael or Karie to sign up for projects: 327-7095

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Cow bird egg in Lazuli bunting nest

Volunteers Rule!

Project: **NATIVE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION**
What: Photopoint monitoring and watering of riparian plantings.
Where: Little Salmon River & tributaries.
When: Dates to be determined. Please contact Michael or Karie for more information.
Logistics: Tools, transportation provided: plan on 10 to 12 hour days.
People: Two to four each day.



Project: **INTERMOUNTAIN BIRD OBSERVATORY**
What: Help biologists with songbird and raptor monitoring, trapping and data collection. IBO, a cooperative, non-profit research and education organization, conducts long-term monitoring of western migratory landbird populations and promotes public education, involvement and wildlife viewing.
Where: Boise River Wildlife Management Area on Lucky Peak.
When: August-October. Seven days a week.
Logistics: Four wheel drive vehicle necessary to negotiate the road to Lucky Peak.
People: One to three, seven days/week. Call or email for more information. Go to <http://ibo.boisestate.edu/>.

Project: **NATIVE SEED COLLECTION**
What: Collect seed for future habitat projects
Where: Southwest Region & Boise National Forest
When: Mid-July through Early September. Weekdays.
Logistics: Transportation provided from the Boise area.
People: Two to eight each collection day.



Project: [CHINOOK SALMON SPAWNING](#)
What: Help sort & trap fish. Help with spawning, DNA extraction, data collection & fish scanning.
Where: Rapid River Fish Hatchery
When: Mid-August to Early September. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.
Logistics: Volunteers need to provide their own transportation and make their own camping arrangements if an overnight stay is desired.
People: A few people each spawning day, especially when fish are in their prime week in late August.

Project: [MK NATURE CENTER](#)
What: The MK Nature Center offers a glimpse of Idaho's landscapes and abundant wildlife – right in the middle of Boise. Volunteer positions include teacher – interpreter, host, gardener, and more. Special events include Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Days and International Migratory Bird Day.
Where: MK Nature Center
When: Year around.
Logistics: Training provided. Contact Vicky Runnoe at vicky.runnoe@idfg.idaho.gov or 208-287-2874 .

Project: [HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS](#)
What: Teach hunter education to youth and adults.
Where: Southwest Idaho.
When: Year around.
Logistics: Call Jaime Creson at 327-7159 for Boise area or Kim Cox at 465-8465 for Nampa/Caldwell areas

Project: [IDAHO SALMON AND STEELHEAD DAYS](#)
What: Annual educational event celebrating Idaho's Salmon and Steelhead resources and their connection to the ecosystem. Volunteers can participate by assisting at various stations, including Gytaku (Japanese Fish Painting), Salmon Maze (Salmon Life History), & Kids in the Creek (Aquatic Ecology).
Where: MK Nature Center.
When: September 7, 8, & 9 from 8:45AM to 1 PM. Margaret will have a training for the volunteer guides every morning at 8:45 on September 7, 8, and 9.
Logistics: Contact Margaret Anderson at 208-287-2901
People: MANY!!

Project: [MOUNTAIN LAKE STOCKING](#)
What: A great opportunity to see beautiful scenery while stocking fingerling trout by hiking into high mountain lakes.
Where: You will need to provide your own transportation and a cooler to load fish from the McCall Hatchery and a backpack to hike the fish into the designated lake.
When: Mid-August to Early September
Logistics: Please contact Michael or Karie for more information at 327-7099
People: 5-10

Project: [BOISE RIVER SWEEP](#)
What: Clean river access sites from Eagle to Parma. Be part of Idaho Department of Fish & Game's portion of a valley-wide event to give back to our river.
Where: Two starting points; Meet in Boise or Caldwell.
When: September 10th
Logistics: Bags provided; some transportation available.
People: 15 needed in Boise and 50 to 60 in Caldwell.



Photo from Boise River Sweep's website
<http://www.riversweep.org/>

Project: [NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING](#)
What: Plant bitterbrush and sagebrush grown from seed collected by volunteers last fall.
Where: Soda Fire and possibly Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area
When: Saturdays and possibly weekdays in October and November
Logistics: Tools and some transportation provided.
People: 20 to 50 each day.

Project: [SAGEBRUSH SEED COLLECTION](#)
What: Collect sagebrush seed for habitat restoration of burned areas. Wildlife species including birds, deer, lizards, pronghorn antelope, elk, rabbits, kangaroo mice and other small and large animals depend upon sagebrush habitat for food, cover and nesting habitat. Sagebrush is a woody shrub whose deep roots protect soils from erosion. Volunteers help with restoration of sagebrush by collecting seed. Millions of acres of sagebrush communities have vanished from the West due to noxious weed invasion, fire, overgrazing, urban sprawl and other land disturbances.
Where: Sites in the Southwest Region.
When: November 12th, 19th, and December 3rd and 10th (possibly)
Logistics: Transportation, tools provided.
People: 25 to 100 each day.